

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, lines 8-22, amend as follows:

At present, hair is mainly removed by rubbing two brushes with one another, a method not assuring a perfectly thorough hygiene (e.g., cleanliness and sterility) of the tools. There also exists a simple tool shaped as a small rake, whose curved metal teeth are inserted, where possible, among the brush bristles, and a device consisting of two idly-mounted parallel bristled rollers between which a comb, but not a brush, can be manually caused to slide thus obtaining a certain degree of cleaning. All of these methods do not perfectly clean, and they act with extreme slowness. Thus, cleaning brushes is boring, since much work is needed for obtaining visible results, and above all is unpleasant since none of the available devices takes care of collecting the removed residuals which, due to their volatility, are not even easy to locate.

Page 8, lines 11-14, amend as follows:

Figures 8 and 9 illustrate the manner how in which the whips 11, ~~made as flexible~~ capable of flexing, yield when on their path they meet the bristles of a brush S, or respectively, the teeth of a comb P, arranged in the receiving position.